WE CLAIM:

- 1. An amino acid sequence comprising antithrombin having an H-helix, wherein at least one amino acid of the H-helix is modified to have a more positive charge than an H-helix of non-modified antithrombin.
- 2. The amino acid sequence of claim 1, wherein at least one negatively charged amino acid of the non-modified H-helix is substituted with a neutral or positively charged amino acid to form the modified H-helix.
- 3. The amino acid sequence of claim 1, wherein at least one neutral amino acid of the non-modified H-helix is substituted with a positively-charged amino acid to form the modified H-helix.
- 4. A modified antithrombin protein having one or more amino acids in the region of amino acids 304-314 modified to have a more positive charge than non-modified antithrombin.
- 5. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the modified antithrombin protein of claim 4.
- 6. The modified antithrombin protein of claim 4, having one or more of the following amino acid substitutions: D309K, E310K, E312K, E313K, D309R, E310R, E312R, E313R.
- 7. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the modified antithrombin protein of claim 6.
- 8. The modified antithrombin protein of claim 6, having the following amino acid substitutions: D309K, E310K, E312K, E313K.

- 9. A nucleic acid sequence encoding a modified antithrombin having at least one nucleic acid modified to encode at least one modified amino acid of the antithrombin H-helix, such that the H-helix has a more positive charge than a H-helix of non-modified antithrombin.
- 10. The nucleic acid sequence of claim 9, encoding a modified antithrombin protein having one or more amino acids in the region of amino acids 304-314 modified to carry a more positive charge than non-modified antithrombin.
- 11. The nucleic acid sequence of claim 10, wherein said one or more modified nucleic acid results in one or more of the following amino acid substitutions: D309K, E310K, E312K, E313K, D309R, E310R, E312R, E313R.
- 12. The nucleic acid sequence of claim 11, wherein said one or more modified nucleic acid results in one or more of the following amino acid substitutions: D309K, E310K, E312K, E313K.
- 13. A method for inhibiting the activity of thrombin bound to thrombomodulin (T-TM) in a patient, comprising administering to said patient an effective inhibitory amount of a modified antithrombin, wherein at least one amino acid of the antithrombin H-helix is modified to carry a more positive charge than a H-helix of non-modified antithrombin.
- 14. A method for inhibiting the activation of Protein C by thrombin bound to thrombomodulin (T-TM) in an animal, comprising contacting said T-TM with an effective inhibitory amount of a modified antithrombin, wherein at least one amino acid of the antithrombin H-helix is modified to carry a more positive charge than a H-helix of non-modified antithrombin.

- 15. A method for inhibiting Activated Protein C degradation of one or more of Coagulation Factors V, VIII, or X in an animal, comprising contacting said sample with an effective inhibitory amount of a modified antithrombin, wherein at least one amino acid of the antithrombin H-helix is modified to carry a more positive charge than a H-helix of non-modified antithrombin.
- 16. A method for treating coagulation deficiency in a patient comprising administering to said patient an effective procoagulant amount of a modified antithrombin, wherein at least one amino acid of the antithrombin H-helix is modified to carry a more positive charge than a H-helix of non-modified antithrombin.
- 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the modified antithrombin has one or more amino acids in the region of amino acids 304-314 modified to have a more positive charge than non-modified antithrombin.
- 18. The method of claim 17, wherein the modified antithrombin has one or more of the following amino acid substitutions: D309K, E310K, E312K, E313K, D309R, E310R, E312R, E313R.
- 19. A method for treating hemophilia comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of the modified antithrombin of claim 4.
- 20. A method for extending the bioavailability of Factor VIII in a patient, comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of a modified antithrombin, wherein at least one amino acid of the antithrombin H-helix is modified to carry a more positive charge than a H-helix of non-modified antithrombin, and wherein said amount is effective to inhibit degradation of Factor VIII.

- 21. The method of claim 20, wherein the modified antithrombin has one or more amino acids in the region of amino acids 304-314 modified to have a more positive charge than non-modified antithrombin.
- 22. The method of claim 21, wherein the modified antithrombin has one or more of the following amino acid substitutions: D309K, E310K, E312K, E313K, D309R, E310R, E312R, E313R.
- 23. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 5, further comprising a therapeutically effective amount of Factor VIII.
- 24. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 23, comprising a molar ratio of approximately 1:1 of said AT-pos to Factor VIII.